

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 – 15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A refrigerating appliance comprising:
a housing ~~having a plurality of structural elements and~~ defining an interior space including a plurality of internal walls;
an internal lighting system disposed within said housing for illuminating at least a portion of said interior space; ~~and,~~ said internal lighting system including at least one organic light-emitting diode (OLED) for illuminating at least a portion of said interior space, said OLED including a substrate having applied thereto an electrode, at least one layer of organic material and a counter-electrode, said substrate formed as a transparent plate, wherein said OLED is supported in said housing for forming a luminous surface from at least one of said ~~structural elements~~ internal walls and a built-in component located in said interior space, said OLED being integrated into at least one of said internal walls and a surface of said built-in component.
17. (Canceled)
18. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 17, wherein said built-in component of the appliance comprises opposite surfaces, wherein respectively one organic light-emitting diode is applied to the opposite surfaces.

19. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, wherein said housing includes a cavity filled with an insulating material, said OLED forming at least a portion of a wall of said cavity facing said interior space.
20. (Currently Amended) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 17, wherein ~~said OLED is integrated in a wall of a built-in component located in said interior space, said component including~~ includes at least one of a base plate, a shell or a door compartment.
21. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, wherein said OLED includes a luminous area filling between 20% and 50% of an inner wall of at least one of said interior space, the underside or the upper side of a base plate located in said interior space.
22. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 20, wherein a luminous area of said OLED substantially completely fills at least one inner wall of said interior space, the underside or the upper side of a base plate located in said interior space.
23. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 22, wherein said luminous area is located on at least one of the following inner walls of said interior space, a rear wall, one of a plurality of side walls, a base area, a ceiling area or a door inner wall.
24. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16 wherein the housing is joined together from a plurality of housing panels forming inner walls of said interior space.

25. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 24, wherein at least one OLED is applied to at least one of said housing panels or integrated therein.
26. (Canceled)
27. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, wherein said transparent plate is formed from glass.
28. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 25, wherein said interior space includes a built-in component with opposed surfaces, said opposed surfaces are each formed from transparent plates, forming substrates for OLEDs disposed between said transparent plates.
29. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 28, wherein said built-in component with opposed surfaces is a base plate having an underside surface and an upper side opposed surface.
30. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, wherein said interior lighting system includes a plurality of OLEDs, each with light-emitting layers, and at least some of said OLEDs emit light having different color spectra from one another.
31. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, further comprising at least one of a display panel and a control panel, said panel backlit using at least one organic light-emitting diode.
32. (Previously Presented) The refrigerating appliance according to claim 16, further comprising a display panel for displaying symbols, said symbols formed by organic light-emitting diodes.